



How your employees could benefit from being a member of BIALl

The British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL) was founded in 1969 and was created to represent the interests of legal information professionals in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

We have gone from strength to strength and currently have over 900 members who represent almost every legal sector - academic, law firms, barrister chambers, the courts, government departments and legal publishers.

To be a member of BIALl starts off from as little as £70 a year although we also offer institutional membership at £210.

For this your staff will get the following benefits:

- Full access to the BIALl website.
- Subscription to the Legal Information Management journal.
- Electronic version of the BIALl Newsletter.
- Access to the Email Forum including the BIALl "How do I Wiki".
- Discounts for BIALl's Annual Conference.
- Discounts for BIALl professional development courses.
- Discounts for BIALl publications.
- Discounts for BIALl social events.
- Discounts for posting adverts to the BIALl Job Board.
- Complimentary copy of the BIALl Annual Salary Survey.

As we are a voluntary organization with no salaried members of staff we do actively encourage members of BIALl to also join one of our several committees which include areas such as Awards and Bursaries, BIALl website, Legal Information Group, Membership Services, PR and Promotion, Publications and Professional Standards. Members who do join our committees really value the opportunity to become more professionally aware.

As employers, you could also benefit from their increased exposure and the fact your staff are :

- Attending, contributing to and even chairing meetings - important skills that could be transferred to their job.
- Kudos of having staff who are active members of an internationally recognised association.
- Learning valuable and transferable new skills such as budgeting and project management.
- Networking with those at the cutting edge of their profession - our email forum, wikis and blogs provide valuable resources and support for our members in many possible ways.
- Enhanced ability to network with their peers which will lead to opportunities in terms of sharing information, materials and advice. If they are stuck on a piece of research, our members can email our community asking for advice and support.
- Officers, Committee Chairs and Council Members of BIALL receive a substantial contribution towards the cost of attending the Annual Conference.
- Our annual conference is a vital element of our calendar. Apart from our own members, all the leading publishers also attend which facilitates good relations with suppliers.
- As an employer - the main thing you would be giving is your staff's time to attend meetings - on average four times a year. Although most BIALL members get involved in BIALL activities during their lunch breaks or in their free time, our meetings do tend to be in the working week. The meetings can vary in length and where they are located but all costs relating to travelling to meetings are covered by BIALL.
- But maybe more importantly you will be seen to be an organization which cares deeply about the professional development of your employees. Many employees see membership of such organizations as an important perk from their employers and encouragement from their employers to become involved can help staff morale.

If you have any further queries - please do visit our website at www.biall.org.uk